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1. SWISS POLITICAL DEPT ADVISES RECEIPT TELEGRAM FROM SWISS
EMBASSY HAVANA WITH FOLLOWING CONTENT:

TELEGRAM WITH TEXT OF UNITED STATES PROTEST CONCERNING INCIDENT
IN WHICH CUBAN SHIPS FIRED ON UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT ARRIVED
AFTER PRIME MINISTER CASTRO HAD MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT SUCH
INCIDENT HAD NOT OCCURRED. AT 1227 HOURS LOCAL ON SEPT 1,
AMBASSADOR STABELHOFER PERSONALLY PRESENTED TEXT OF PROTEST
NOTE TO VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS TORRAS. TORRAS STATED
TEXT OF STATEMENT HAD BEEN RECEIVED VIA PRESS AGENCY, AND WOULD
NOT BE OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED ALTHOUGH TORRAS RECEIVED NOTE ON
PERSONAL BASIS FROM AMBASSADOR STABELHOFER. AMBASSADOR ATTEMPTED
TO GET NOTE BE OFFICIALLY RECEIVED BUT TORRAS WITH TWO OF
HIS OWN SUBORDINATES WITNESSING DECLINED TAKE NOTE EXCEPT ON
PERSONAL BASIS.

2. SWISS POLITICAL DEPT EXPECTS DETAILED REPORT OF ATTEMPT TO
PASS NOTE VIA POUCH.

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